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SUBJ: THIS IS IN (b)(3):10 USC 424

1. COUNTRY: ARGENTINA (AR)

2. REPORT NUMBER: (b)(3):10 USC 424

3. TITLE: (U) SECURITY-EXPLOSION KILLS DAUGHTER OF NAVY CHIEF OF STAFF (U)

4. PROJECT NUMBER: N/A

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5. DATE OF INFORMATION: 780801, 780802  
6. DATE OF REPORT: 780802  
7. DATE AND PLACE OF ACQUISITION: 780801, 780802,  
BUENOS AIRES

8. REFERENCES: (b)(3):10 USC 424

9. ASSESSMENT:

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10. ORIGINATOR: (b)(3):10 USC 424

11. REQUEST EVALUATION: OMYT

12. PREPARING OFFICER:

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13. APPROVING AUTHORITY:

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14. SOURCE: A. MEDIA-"LA NACION" 780801 B. FBIS  
ASUNCION, PARAGUAY, 780801 C. MEDIA-"BUENOS AIRES  
HERALD" 780802

15. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: DIRC-NO

16. (U) SUMMARY: A BOMB EXPLOSION IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA  
OF BUENOS AIRES HAS RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF THE  
DAUGHTER OF NAVY CHIEF OF STAFF, VADM ARMANDO LAM-  
BRUSCHINI, MEDIA REPORTS.

22. (U) DETAILS: LOCAL RADIO BROADCASTS CONFIRM PRESS  
REPORTS AND FBIS REPORT THAT AN EXPLOSION IN AN  
APARTMENT BUILDING IN THE NORTHERN SECTION OF  
BUENOS AIRES HAS RESULTED IN NUMEROUS INJURIES  
AND FATALITIES, INCLUDING THE DAUGHTER OF ARGENTINE  
NAVY CHIEF OF STAFF, VADM LAMBRUSCHINI, WHOSE FAMILY  
RESIDED IN THE BUILDING, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS,  
THE EXPLOSION OCCURRED AT 0440Z, ON 780801. THE  
FEDERAL POLICE CHIEF, GEN. RENE OJEDA, AND NAVY CINC  
ADMIRAL EMILIO MASSERA, INSPECTED THE SITE SHORTLY  
AFTER THE EARLY A.M. EXPLOSION. SECURITY IN THE  
AREA IS EXTREMELY TIGHT, REPORTS SAY, BECAUSE THE  
EXPLOSION RENDERED THE STRUCTURE PRECARIOUSLY  
UNSTABLE.

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2. (U) SOURCE C, THE BUENOS AIRES HERALD, IN FRONT-  
PAGE HEADLINES, REPORTED THE DAY AFTER THE EX-  
PLOSION THAT TWO OTHER PEOPLE BESIDES VADM  
LAMBRUSCHINI'S DAUGHTER HAD BEEN KILLED, WITH AT  
LEAST TEN OTHERS WOUNDED IN ONE OF THE WORST  
TERRORIST BOMB ATTACKS EVER MADE IN BUENOS AIRES.

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3. (U) ACCORDING TO THE HERALD, THE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WENT OFF IN A VACANT BEDROOM OF THE BUILDING TO THE RIGHT OF AND ONE FLOOR BELOW THAT OF THE LAMBRUSCHINI APARTMENT. THE BOMB WAS ALLEGEDLY PLACED ON THE CEILING OF THE EMPTY SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT NUMBERED PACHECO DE MELO 1957 LOCATED IN THE BARRIO NORTE SECTION OF BUENOS AIRES.

4. (U) THE BOMB WHEN IT EXPLODED TORE INTO THE BEDROOM OF PAULA LAMBRUSCHINI IN HER PARENTS' THIRD FLOOR APARTMENT IN THE ADJACENT BUILDING. CONTINUING NEWSPAPER COMMENTS REPORTED THAT THE BOMB WAS PROBABLY PLACED BY TWO YOUNG MEN WHO GAINED ENTRANCE TO THE VACANT APARTMENT ON MONDAY EVENING BY CLAIMING TO BE POLICEMEN LOOKING FOR EVIDENCE OF DRUGS USED BY THE FORMER OCCUPANTS.

5. (U) THE HERALD WENT FURTHER STATING THAT AN ARMY COMMUNIQUE ISSUED ON THE EVENING OF 1 AUGUST 1978 AND SIGNED BY CORP COMMANDER GEN. GUILLERMO SUAREZ-MASON CHARGED THAT "ORGANIZATIONS AND COUNTRIES WHICH CALL THEMSELVES DEFENDERS OF HUMAN RIGHTS HAVE ONCE MORE FAILED TO RAISE THEIR VOICES FOR THESE INNOCENT VICTIMS SINCE THEY DO NOT BELONG TO THE SECTOR THEY (THESE ORGANIZATIONS AND COUNTRIES) ARE DEFENDING".

COMMENTS (b)(3):10 USC 424 (S) AS YET, NO TERRORIST ORGANIZATION HAS TAKEN CREDIT FOR THE BOMBING. THERE IS A GOOD POSSIBILITY THAT NONE WILL, SINCE NO RALLYING CRY OR POPULARITY CAN BE GAINED IN ARGENTINA BY KILLING AN INNOCENT CHILD, AND AN OLD WOMAN.

TERRORIST ACTS SUCH AS THIS SERVE TO PLAY INTO THE HANDS OF THE HARD-LINERS AMONG THE SECURITY FORCES WHO CAN EXPECT TO USE IT AS AN EXAMPLE OF WHY STRINGENT SECURITY MEASURES MUST BE MAINTAINED. AS EXEMPLIFIED BY THE PREVIOUS COMMENTS MADE BY GEN. SUAREZ-MASON (A NOTED HARD-LINER) SUCH TERRORIST ACTS CAN NOT HELP BUT BE USED BY ARGENTINE OFFICIALS AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE

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ACTIVISTS HAVE OF THE ACTUAL SECURITY SITUATION IN ARGENTINA. IT CAN REASONABLY BE EXPECTED THAT EMBASSY PERSONNEL WILL BE ASKED WHO WAS WORRIED ABOUT PROTECTING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF VICE ADMIRAL LAMBRUSCHINI'S DAUGHTER.

THERE HAS BEEN SOME SPECULATION AS TO

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THE ACTUAL CAUSE OF THE EXPLOSION. THERE WERE INITIAL RUMORS BEING PASSED, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WHILE ATTENDING VADM LAMBRUSCHINI'S DAUGHTER'S WAKE, THAT THE BLAST MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY A GAS EXPLOSION. THIS INFORMATION HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED BY ANYTHING BUT RUMOR. AN EXAMINATION OF THE PHOTOS, ALONG WITH INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS WOULD INDICATE THAT THE BLAST WAS CAUSED BY THE INTRODUCTION OF AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE INTO THE VACANT APARTMENT IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO LAMBRUSCHINI'S. THE LOCATION OF THE PRINCIPLE BLAST WOULD INDICATE THAT THE ACCIDENTAL GAS EXPLOSION THEORY IS IMPROBABLE, AND THAT THE EXPLOSION WAS INTENDED TO KILL LAMBRUSCHINI.

ON 2 AUGUST 1978, AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES SENT AN IMMEDIATE MESSAGE TO SECSTATE WASH,DC REQUESTING THAT A STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN MAKE A STATEMENT CONCERNING THE BOMBING IN ORDER FOR THE USG TO GO ON RECORD AS OPPOSING TERRORIST AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT ACTIONS WHICH OFFEND OUR HUMAN RIGHTS POSITION. THIS MSG COORD W AMEMBASSY. ~~808 84~~

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